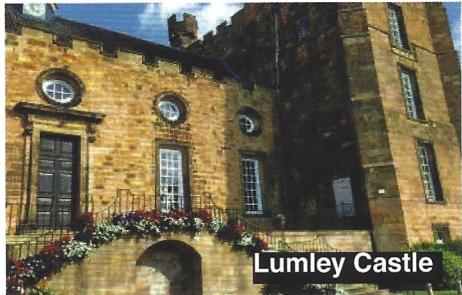


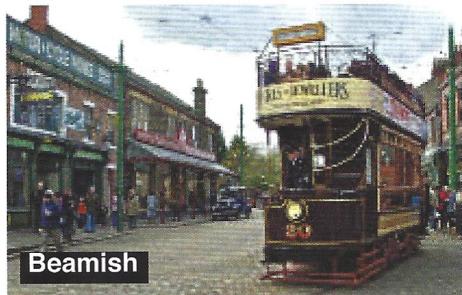
Coach Trips from London Ltd

Durham Cathedral, Beamish , Lumley Castle & Weardale

Sunday 12 July 2026 for 4 days



The lovely scenery of Weardale and County Durham is an area less well known than many other holiday destinations but is well worth exploring. Highlights of this break will include the magnificent Durham Cathedral, the award winning Beamish Open Air Museum and a drive across the Pennines to Lowther Castle near Ullswater. We shall be staying in courtyard rooms at the 14th century Lumley Castle, a well appointed luxury hotel, one of the finest in the North East of England, which is surrounded by parkland and within sight of the River Wear. On our journey north we will visit Hardwick Hall, a grand Elizabethan mansion once the home of the famous Bess of Hardwick.



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Day 1 (Sunday) Our Bessway coach will travel north from West London with stops en route for morning coffee and a light lunch. In the afternoon we shall visit Hardwick Hall (National Trust) an English interpretation of Renaissance architecture. Dinner and a 3-night stay at Lumley Castle.

Day 2 (Monday) After breakfast we will travel to the nearby Beamish Open Air Museum. This amazing attraction has recreated life in the Tyne and Wear region in the 1820's, 1900's 1940's, and the recently included 1950's. There are examples of farming, coal mining and other aspects of its industrial past. You can visit workers' cottages, interesting old shops where the staff are in period costume, a 1920's garage and even the dentists! Travel around the large site is by tram or vintage bus as preferred. Dinner at our hotel this evening.

Day 3 (Tuesday) Today we shall take a scenic drive through Weardale and across the Pennines to visit the impressive gardens of Lowther Castle near Penrith. According to tv gardener Monty Don, the current Lowther Castle gardens restoration project is one of Britain's most extensive and important. There are roses, a yew walk, views from the terrace, restored and plant filled ruins and a very interesting display of family portraits and artefacts. You will be able to obtain a lunchtime meal or snack here. We shall then travel to nearby Lake Ullswater affording us a chance to obtain tea at Pooley Bridge. Finally we shall return to our hotel for Dinner this evening.

Day 4 (Wednesday) A morning visit to Durham Cathedral. Built in 1093 high above the River Wear to house the Shrine of St Cuthbert, this world heritage site is renowned for its stunning Romanesque architecture. Many people claim that this is England's finest cathedral. Treasures include the tomb of the Venerable Bede and the treasures of St. Cuthbert discovered in his tomb. Transport between the coach park and the cathedral will be by local 7-seater taxi.

We shall travel back to West London in the afternoon with a comfort stop en route. Dinner this evening will be at *Da Remo's*, an excellent restaurant in Denham, at 6.30pm. When our Bessway coach reaches Hillingdon we shall be met by 7-seater licensed cars which will take you home from here if you have requested our home pick-up service. If not, this short break will end with our Bessway coach setting down in Northolt, Yeading, Greenford, Hanwell, Ealing, Acton and Perivale.

The tour price of £895 per person includes:

- ★ Travel in a comfortable modern coach supplied by Bessway Travel Ltd.
- ★ Dinner, Bed and Breakfast for three nights at Lumley Castle.
- ★ Coffee and Lunch on Day 1 plus Dinner on Day 4, the final day.
- ★ Entry fees at places of interest visited by our group as a whole (except Hardwick Hall where National Trust members can gain free entry).
- ★ The services of our tour manager each day. **Single Supplement: £90.00**

Not included: Lunch on Days 2 to 4 nor bar drinks or wine (except at *Da Remo's*)
To book this holiday a deposit of £90 per person is required. Early booking is recommended.

A home pick-up service is available from many areas to bring you to the coach at Hillingdon. A small extra charge applies.

How to Book: Please contact Graham Jenkins on 020 8422 2751. Pay by debit card, credit card or cheque